

# UNDERWATER BRIDGE INSPECTION REPORT

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STRUCTURE NO. 73534

CR NO. 111

OVER THE

SAUK RIVER

DISTRICT 3 – STEARNS COUNTY

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PREPARED FOR THE  
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BY  
COLLINS ENGINEERS, INC.

JOB NO. 3512

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
UNDERWATER BRIDGE INSPECTION

REPORT SUMMARY:

The substructure units inspected at Bridge No. 73534, Piers 1 and 2, were found to be generally in good condition below water with no defects of structural significance observed. The steel pipe piles exhibited coating failure and light surface corrosion from 1 foot above the waterline to the channel bottom. The channel bottom appeared stable no significant scour observed.

INSPECTION FINDINGS:

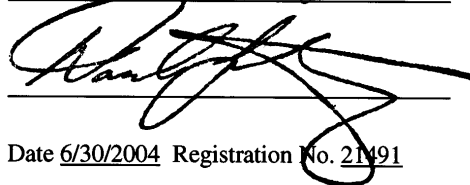
- (A) The steel piles exhibited coating failure and fairly uniform light surface corrosion from 1 foot above the waterline to the channel bottom with random rust nodules up to 1/4 inch in diameter over 5 percent of the surface area.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (A) Reinspect the submerged substructure units at the normal maximum recommended (NBIS) interval of five (5) years.

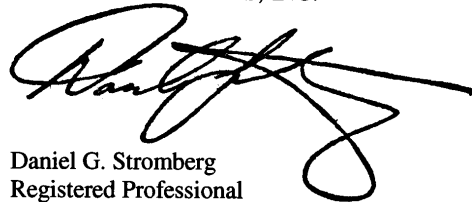
I hereby certify that this plan, specification, or report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Licensed Professional Engineer under the laws of the State of Minnesota.

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Date 6/30/2004 Registration No. 21491

Respectfully submitted,

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1. BRIDGE DATA

Bridge Number: 73534

Feature Crossed: The Sauk River

Feature Carried: CR No. 111

Location: District 3 – Stearns County

Bridge Description: The bridge superstructure consists of three spans of multiple steel beams with a reinforced concrete deck. The superstructure is supported by two reinforced concrete abutments and two concrete encased steel piles piers. The piers are numbered 1 and 2 starting from the south end of the bridge.

2. INSPECTION DATA

Professional Engineer/Team Leader: Shirley M. Walker, P.E.

Dive Team: Michelle D. Koerbel, Clayton G. Brookings

Date: September 28, 2002

Weather Conditions: Rain, " 45E F

Underwater Visibility: " 2 feet

Waterway Velocity: " 0.5 f.p.s.

3. SUBSTRUCTURE INSPECTION DATA

Substructure Inspected: Piers 1 and 2.

General Shape: The piers consist of a single line of nine cast-in-place concrete steel pipe piles supporting a concrete pier cap.

Maximum Water Depth at Substructure Inspected: Approximately 8 feet.

4. WATERLINE DATUM

Water Level Reference: Top of pier cap at east end of Pier 2.

Water Surface: The waterline was approximately 17.5 feet below reference.  
Assumed Waterline Elevation = 82.5.

5. NBIS CODING INFORMATION (Minnesota specific codes are used for 92B and 113)

Item 60: Substructure: Code 7

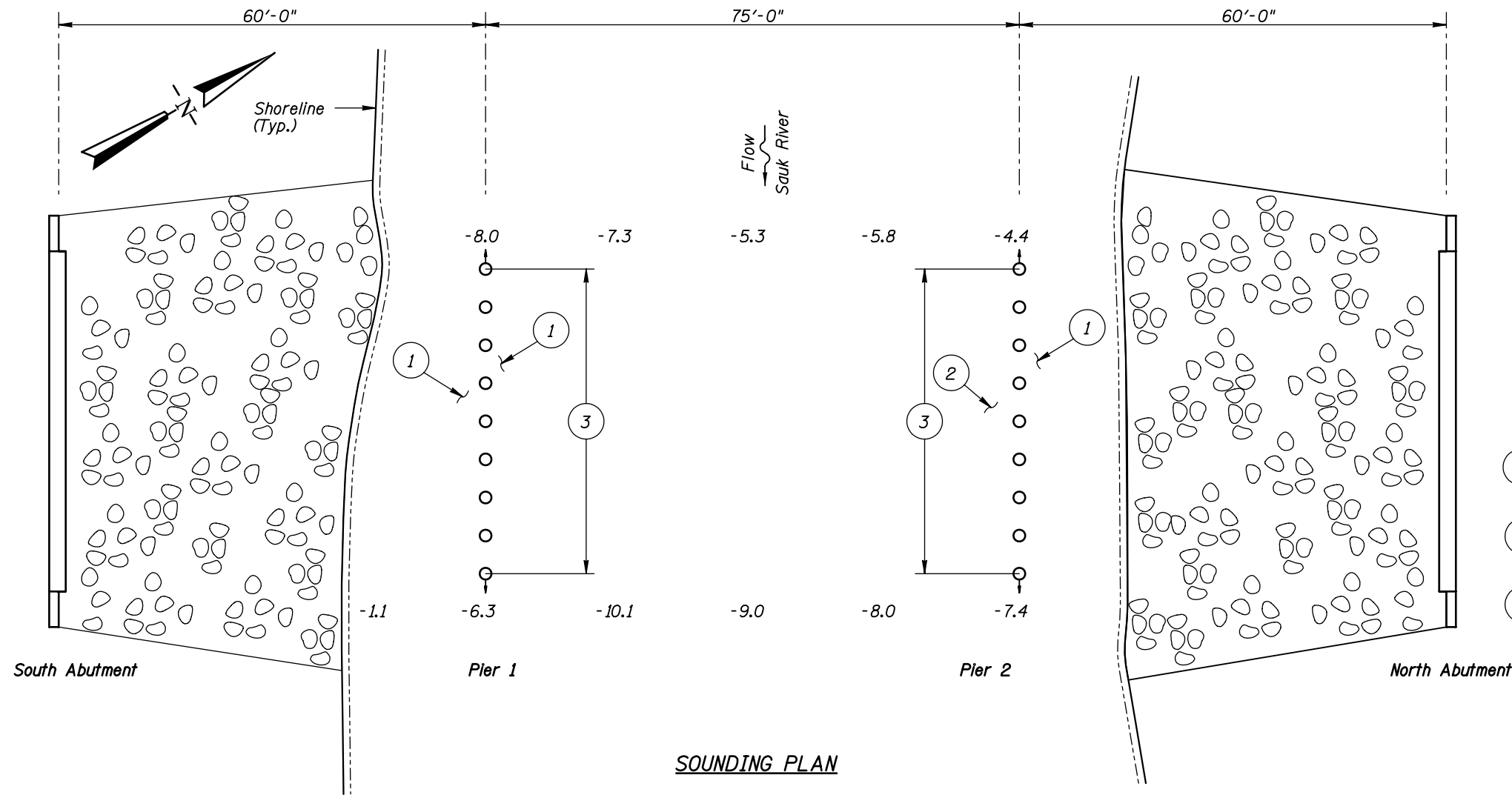
Item 61: Channel and Channel Protection: Code 8

Item 92B: Underwater Inspection: Code B/9/02

Item 113: Scour Critical Bridges: Code I/02

Bridge is scour critical because abutment or pier foundation is rated as unstable due to observed scour at bridge site.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes   X   No



#### GENERAL NOTES:

- Piers 1 and 2 were inspected underwater.
- At the time of inspection on September 28, 2002 the waterline was located approximately 17.5 feet below the top of the pile cap at the downstream end of Pier 2. Since insufficient bridge elevation information was available a reference elevation of 100.0 was assumed. Based on the assumed reference the waterline elevation was 82.5.
- Soundings indicate the water depth at the time of inspection and are measured in feet.
- Soundings were taken parallel to the bridge at 1/4 point intervals between the substructure units.

#### INSPECTION NOTES:

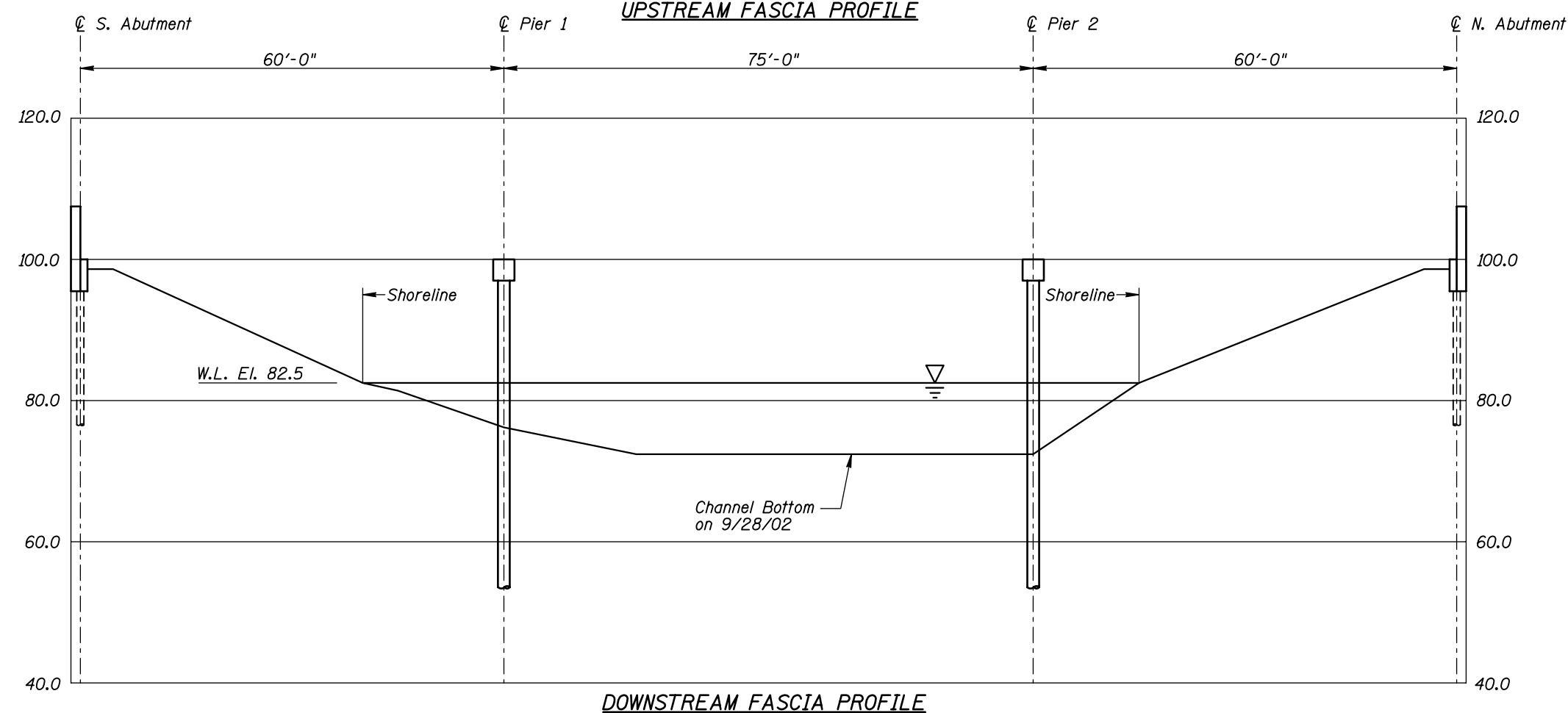
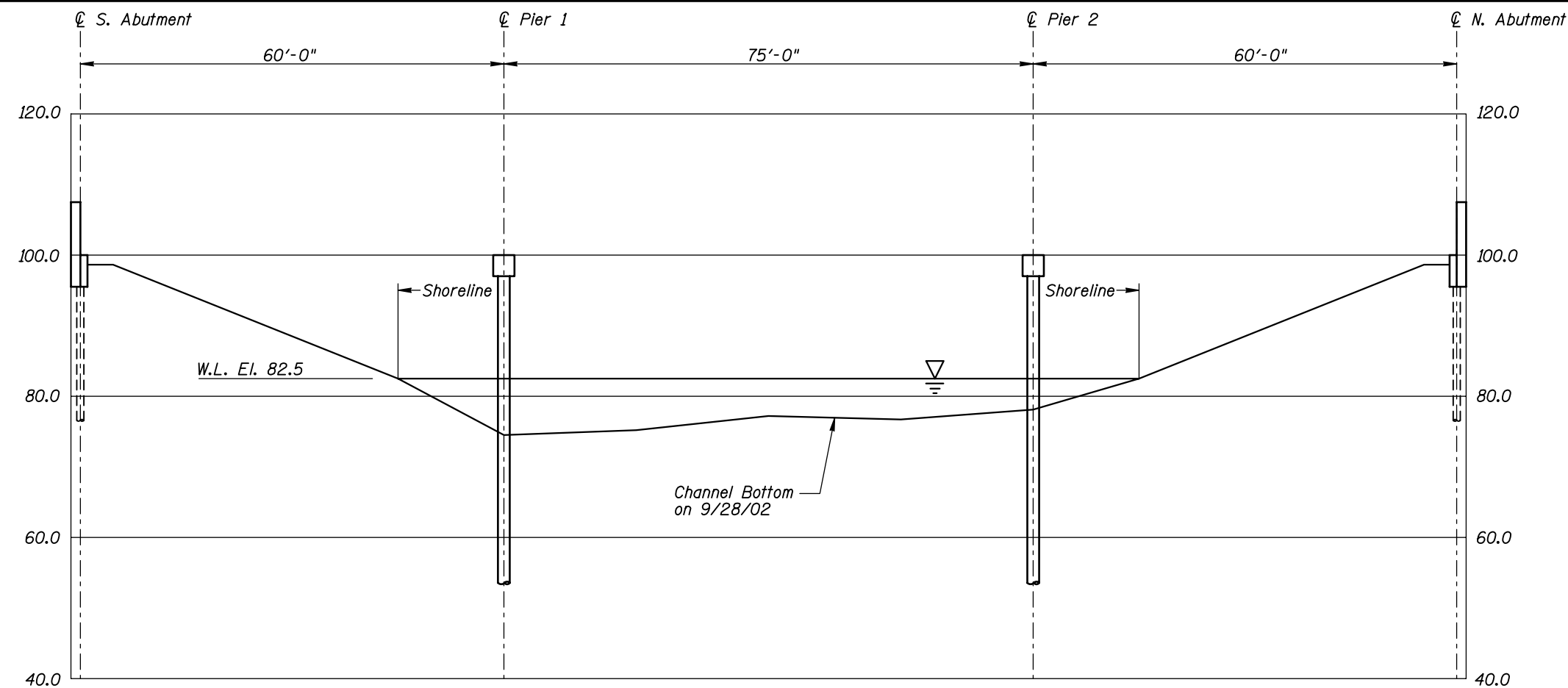
- The channel bottom consisted of sand and silt with 1 to 2 foot diameter riprap and no probe rod penetration.
- The channel bottom consisted of sand and gravel with up to 4 inches of probe rod penetration.
- The steel piles exhibited coating failure and fairly uniform surface corrosion from 1 foot above the waterline to the channel bottom with random rust nodules up to 1/4 inch in diameter over 5 percent of the surface area.

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STRUCTURE NO. 73534  
OVER THE SAUK RIVER  
DISTRICT 3, STEARNS COUNTY

#### INSPECTION AND SOUNDING PLAN

Drawn By: PRH	<b>COLLINS ENGINEERS, INC.</b>	Date: SEPT. 2002
Checked By: MDK	300 W. WASHINGTON, STE. 600 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606	Scale: NTS
Code: 351273534	(312) 704-9300	Figure No.: 1



*Note:*  
Refer to Figure 1 for General Notes.

<b>MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDERWATER BRIDGE INSPECTION</b>		
STRUCTURE NO. 73534 OVER THE SAUK RIVER DISTRICT 3, STEARNS COUNTY <b>UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM FASCIA PROFILES</b>		
Drawn By: PRH Checked By: MDK Code: 351273534	<b>COLLINS ENGINEERS, INC.</b>  300 W. WASHINGTON, STE. 600 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606 (312) 704-9300	Date: SEPT. 2002 Scale: 1"=20' Figure No.: 2



Photograph 1. Overall View of the Structure, Looking East.



Photograph 2. View of Pier 1, Looking North.





Photograph 3. View of Pier 2, Looking Northwest.



MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE OF BRIDGES AND STRUCTURES  
DAILY DIVING REPORT

INSPECTORS: Collins Engineers, Inc. DATE: September 28, 2002

ON-SITE TEAM LEADER: Shirley M. Walker, P.E.

BRIDGE NO: 73534

WEATHER: Rain, " 45E F

WATERWAY CROSSED: The Sauk River

DIVING OPERATION:   X           SCUBA           SURFACE SUPPLIED AIR  
OTHER

PERSONNEL: Michelle D. Koerbel, Clayton G. Brookins

EQUIPMENT: Scuba, U/W Light, Scraper, Sounding Pole, Lead Line, Camera

TIME IN WATER: 11:30 p.m.

TIME OUT OF WATER: 12:00 p.m.

WATERWAY DATA: VELOCITY " 0.5 f.p.s.

VISIBILITY " 2 feet

DEPTH 8 feet maximum at Pier 1

ELEMENTS INSPECTED: Piers 1 and 2

REMARKS: Overall, the substructure units were in good condition with no significant deterioration. The steel pipe piles exhibited coating failure with minor nodular corrosion from 1 foot above the waterline to the channel bottom. At the time of the inspection, the channel bottom appeared stable with scattered riprap at both piers and no significant scour present.

FURTHER ACTION NEEDED:       \_\_\_\_\_ YES   \_\_\_X\_\_\_ NO

Reinspect the submerged substructure units at the normal maximum recommended (NBIS) interval of five (5) years.

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UNDERWATER INSPECTION CONDITION RATING FORM

BRIDGE NO. 73534  
INSPECTORS Collins Engineers, Inc.  
ON-SITE TEAM LEADER Shirley M. Walker, P.E.  
WATERWAY CROSSED The Sauk River

INSPECTION DATE September 28, 2002

NOTE: USE ALL APPLICABLE CONDITION  
DEFINITIONS AS DEFINED IN THE MINNESOTA  
RECORDING AND CODING GUIDE INCLUDING  
GENERAL, SUBSTRUCTURE, CHANNEL AND  
PROTECTION, AND CULVERTS AND WALL  
DEFINITIONS TO COMPLETE THIS FORM.

CONDITION RATING

UNIT REFERENCE NO.	UNIT DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM DEPTH OF WATER	SUBSTRUCTURE						CHANNEL					GENERAL					
			PILING	COLUMNS, SHAFTS, OR FACES*	FOOTINGS	DISPLACEMENT	OTHER	OVERALL SUBSTRUCTURE CONDITION CODE*	SCOUR	EMBANKMENT EROSION	EMBANKMENT PROTECTION	OTHER (DRIFT/DEBRIS)	OVERALL CHANNEL & PROTECTION CONDITION	CONCRETE	STEEL	TIMBER	LOSS OF SECTION	PREVIOUS REPAIR OR MAINTENANCE	OTHER
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Pier 1	8.0'	7	N	N	9	N	7	8	N	8	N	8	N	7	N	N	N	N
	Pier 2	7.4'	7	N	N	9	N	7	8	N	8	N	8	N	7	N	N	N	N

\*UNDERWATER PORTION ONLY

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NOTES: ATTACH SKETCHES AS NEEDED, IDENTIFY REMARK BY REFERRING TO UNIT REFERENCE NO. AND REMARK NO.  
USE GENERAL SECTION TO IDENTIFY OVERALL PRESENCE OF SPALLS, CRACKS, CORROSION, ETC.